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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON BIB'S ANNUAL REPORT

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1. ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE JANUARY
23 NEW YORK TIMES HERE.

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2. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OCCURRED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NOON BRIEFING JANUARY 23: BEGIN QUOTE:

Q. THERE IS A REPORT THIS MORNING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED A RECOMMENDATION THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS AND EASTERN EUROPEAN OFFICIALS BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO RESPOND ON RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY. IS THAT TRUE?

A. THE IDEA THAT RADIO LIBERTY AND RFE WOULD OFFER AIR TIME FOR THE SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS TO RESPOND TO BROADCASTS THAT THEY FIND OBJECTIONABLE WAS DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING--OF COURSE, IT ONLY USED TO BE RFE OR RL, I KNOW THAT--BUT AT ANY RATE, BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING BY BID CHAIR-MAN GRONOUSKI IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OUR EMBASSIES IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED HAVE BEEN INFORMED

ABOUT IT. AS TO THE ACTUAL DETAILS, SINCE THE PLAN IS IN FACT BIB'S, WHICH IS JUST A FEW BLOCKS AWAY, I THINK YOU OUGHT TO ASK THEM.

Q. WELL, ARE WE GOING TO ASK, ALONG WITH THIS PLAN, FOR EQUAL TIME IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA?

A. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE ON THAT.

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Q. WELL, DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT FAVOR GIVING THESE PEOPLE EQUAL TIME IF WE ARE NOT GIVEN EQUAL TIME IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA, AND WHATEVER THE SOVIET BROADCASTING NET-WORK IS CALLED?

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A. I DON'T HAVE AN OFFICIAL LINE ON THAT.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A. MY OWN THOUGHT WOULD BE, FRANKLY, THAT OBVIOUSLY AS PART OF OUR ENTIRE EFFORT UNDER THE HELSINKI ACCORDS, WE HAVE EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY OUR VIEW THAT THERE OUGHT TO BE A FAR FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION AND PEOPLE BETWEEN COUNT-RIES. WE CONTINUE TO RAISE THAT, AND WE WILL, OF COURSE, TRY TO INCORPORATE IT IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THIS REVIE' MEETING NOW. SECOND, ON THE SPECIFIC OF THAT QUESTION, I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW. END QUOTE.
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